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Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-third session

Draft report

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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) on 25 April 2013 and its substantive session from 3 to 28 June 2013 at United Nations Headquarters. It held a total of 19 meetings and numerous informal and informal-informal consultations. The Committee welcomed the continued use of a restricted website, which had been established for the previous session, to enable easy access to relevant and timely in-session documentation.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the fifty-third session, adopted by the Committee at its organizational session (1st meeting), is contained in annex I to the present report.

Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. At its 1st meeting, on 25 April, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/2013/L.2), which stated that, in accordance with paragraph 6 of its terms of reference contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee had been invited to select one or more reports from the reports listed below for consideration at its fifty-third session:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Strategic planning in the United Nations system" (A/67/873) and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/67/873/Add.1);

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(b) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Financing for humanitarian operations in the United Nations system" (A/67/867) and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/67/867/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of UN-Oceans" (A/67/400) and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/67/400/Add.1).

4. The Committee, at its 2nd meeting, held a discussion on the consideration of agenda item 5, "Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit", and decided, at that stage, not to consider the report of the Unit entitled "Evaluation of UN-Oceans" (A/67/400) and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/67/400/Add.1).

5. Recalling the recommendation adopted at its forty-ninth session, which had been endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/229, that the role of coordination bodies, including the Joint Inspection Unit, should be enhanced through improved cooperation in order to increase planning efficiency and to prevent duplication of efforts within the United Nations system, the Committee commended the Unit for intensifying its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports relevant to the function of the Committee, bearing in mind paragraphs 4 (d) and 4 (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Unit.

Programme of work

6. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 June, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2013/L.1/Rev.1), listing the documents for consideration by the Committee.

7. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Committee had before it an informal paper setting out a tentative and provisional programme of work for the session. The Committee approved the programme of work, with the understanding that adjustments would be made by the Bureau, as necessary, during the course of the session to take into account the pace of discussions.

B. Election of officers

8. At its 1st meeting, on 25 April, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Yuri Ambrazevich (Belarus) and Justin Kisoka (United Republic of Tanzania) as Vice-Chairs and Hélène Petit (France) as Rapporteur of the Committee for the session.

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Rashid Bayat Mokhtari (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Chair of the Committee for the session.

10. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Marita Puertas (Peru) as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the session.

11. The members of the Bureau for the fifty-third session of the Committee are listed below:

Chair:
Rashid Bayat Mokhtari (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairs:
Yuri Ambrazevich (Belarus)
Marita Puertas (Peru)
Justin Kisoka (United Republic of Tanzania)

Rapporteur:
Hélène Petit (France)

12. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 June, before the election of officers, the representative of the United States of America made a statement regarding his delegation's rejoining of the Committee after a hiatus of a number of years. His delegation would not participate in the fifty-third session, however, because, in the regional pattern of rotation for the chairship of the Committee, which for the fifty-third session would be held by a member from Asia-Pacific States, the Islamic Republic of Iran had been nominated to chair the Committee. Statements in response were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba.

C. Attendance

13. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented on the Committee:

Algeria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Antigua and Barbuda	Italy
Argentina	Japan
Belarus	Kazakhstan
Benin	Malaysia
Botswana	Pakistan
Bulgaria	Peru
Cameroon	Republic of Korea
China	Republic of Moldova
Cuba	Russian Federation
El Salvador	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Eritrea	United Republic of Tanzania
France	United States of America
Guinea	Uruguay
Guinea-Bissau	Zimbabwe

14. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Austria	Lebanon
Belgium	Mexico
Côte d'Ivoire	Monaco
Egypt	Nigeria
Germany	Sweden
Iraq	Switzerland
Kenya	United Arab Emirates

15. The following intergovernmental organization was represented as an observer: European Union.

16. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services; the Secretary of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination; the Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa; the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; and other senior officials of the Secretariat.

D. Documentation

17. The list of documents before the Committee at its fifty-third session is set out in annex II to the present report.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

18. At its 19th meeting, on 28 June, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its fifty-third session (E/AC.51/2013/L.4 and Add.1-___).

Annex I

Agenda for the fifty-third session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;
   (b) Evaluation.
4. Coordination questions:
   (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;
   (b) New Partnership for Africa's Development.
5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-third session.

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its fifty-third session

A/68/75	Report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015
A/67/6/Rev.1	Biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2014-2015
A/68/6 (Sect. 4) and Corr.1	Disarmament
A/68/6 (Sect. 12)	Trade and development
A/68/6 (Sect. 14)	Environment
A/68/6 (Sect. 15)	Human settlements
A/68/6 (Sect. 18)	Economic and social development in Africa
A/68/6 (Sect. 19)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/68/74 and Corr.1	Report of the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation
A/68/70	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives
A/67/873	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Strategic planning in the United Nations system"
A/67/873/Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Strategic planning in the United Nations system"
A/67/867	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Financing for humanitarian operations in the United Nations system"
A/67/867/Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Financing for humanitarian operations in the United Nations system"
A/67/400	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of UN-Oceans"

A/67/400/Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of UN-Oceans"
E/2013/60	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2012
E/AC.51/2013/1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2013/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on programme evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme
E/AC.51/2013/3	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on evaluation of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
E/AC.51/2013/4	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on evaluation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
E/AC.51/2013/5	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on review of the evaluation capacity of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
E/AC.51/2013/6	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
E/AC.51/2013/L.1/Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation
E/AC.51/2013/L.2	Note by the Secretariat on report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit
E/AC.51/2013/L.3	Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Committee
E/AC.51/2013/L.4 and Add.1-___	Draft report
E/AC.51/2011/INF/1/Rev.1	List of delegations